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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC POUCH DIFFICULTIES

REF: YOUR OM DATED MAY 13

1. SUGGEST POST CONSULT WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WHO PRESUMABLY WOULD ALSO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY MAY 11 NOTE VERBALE TO PLACE COLLECTIVE PRESSURE ON MINISTRY TO RESCIND NOTE. INTERRUPTION OF DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE IS A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION WHICH DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PERMIT OPENING OF POUCHES WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF HOST GOVERNMENT PRESENT.

2. UNLESS EMBASSY OBJECTS, NO CHANGE IN PRESENT FLOW (EITHER IN VOLUME OR WEIGHT) OF COURIER, UNACCOMPANIED AIR AND SURFACE-AIR POUCHES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY DEPARTMENT.

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3. EXCEPT WHEN WEIGHT OR MEASUREMENTS OF ITEMS NECESSITATE CRATE SHIPMENT, NO CRATES WILL BE SHIPPED TO ANTANANARIVO AS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE. IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO CRATE A SHIPMENT, EMBASSY WILL RECEIVE ADVANCE TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION SO THAT IT MAY INFORM GDRM AND OBTAIN GDRM'S CONCURRENCE BEFORE SHIPMENT IS DISPATCHED.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE GDRM AS HAVING ANY VALID CONCERN OVER THE CONTENTS OF OUR POUCHES ONCE THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT ANY GIVEN ITEM MEETS OUR CRITERIA FOR BEING PLACED UNDER U.S. DIPLOMATIC SEAL. HOWEVER, POST MAY WISH EXPLAIN THAT MANY OF BULKIER PARCELS CONTAIN USIS MATERIALS AND "ARTICLES NEEDED FOR OFFICIAL USE."

5. IF PRESSED, EMBASSY SHOULD SEND POUCHES BACK UNOPENED RATHER THAN SUBMIT TO HOST GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION. VANCE

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